



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kuroda et al.
Serial No.: 10/632,293
Conf. No.: 5077
Filed: 8/1/2003
For: PREFORMAT METHOD FOR MAGNETIC
RECORDING MEDIUM, MEGNETIC
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND MAGNETIC
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
APPARATUS
Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: Mercedes, Dismery E.

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Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

| | As Amended | | Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|---|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 19 | - | 20 | = | 0 | x \$ 50.00 | = \$ 0 |
| Independent Claims | 5 | - | 5 | = | 0 | x \$ 200.00 | = \$ 0 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | | | \$360.00 | = \$ 0 |
| | | | | | | Total Additional Fee | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | | Small Entity Fee (reduced by half) | \$ |

(X) Amendment A.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, please amend the
application as follows: